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S E C R E T RABAT 2100

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MO

SUBJECT: GROUND BASED ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEEP SPACE SURVEILLANCE
SYSTEM (GEODSS)

REF: STATE 088648

1. IN EMBASSY VIEW, THIS IS NOT OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO APPROACH THE GOM CONCERNING GEODSS. THIS IS NOT AN ISLOATED QUESTION BUT IS INTIMATELY RELATED TO OTHER ASPECTS OF US-MOROCCAN MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, WHICH IS CURRENTLY COMPLICATED BY CERTAIN UNRESOLVED AND POTENTIALLY DISRUPTIVE QUESTIONS, INCLUDING THAT OF MOROCCAN PERSONNEL AT US NAVAL FACILITIES IN MOROCCO. GEODSS WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP WITH KING HASSAN PERSONALLY. WE SHOULD GO TO HIM WITH A COHERENT PACKAGE COVERING US NAVAL FACILITIES, GEODSS AND OTHER PERTINENT QUESTIONS WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT. AS NOTED IN RABAT 2008 (NOTAL), WE ARE NOW PREPARING SUGGESTIONS FOR AN OVERALL USG APPROACH.

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2. OUR PRELIMINARY JUDGMENT IS THAT OUR INTERESTS WOULD BEST

BE SERVED BY LOCATING GEODSS AT AN EXISTING US NAVAL FACILITY,
EITHER SIDI YAHIA OR BOUKNADEL, IF TECHNICAL FACTORS PERMIT.
IF DOD WISHES TO SEND SURVEY TEAM TO CHECK OUT THESE TWO LOCATIONS,
WITHOUT OUR INFORMING GOM AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION.
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